Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

CUPPING MY HAND BEHIND MY EAR IS AN AID TO BETF HEARING, OR I CAN BUY A DEVICE BY MAIN WHICH DOES A BETTER JOB. NEITHER SOLUTION IS ANY FORM OF MEDICATION. SO WHY SHOULD THE FDA BE INVOLED IN REGULATING THIS? IT WOULD SERVE A SELEC 2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or GROUP have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

MOST FOLKS WITH HEARING PROBLEMS ARE SENIOR CITIZEN LIKE MYSELF WHO ARE ON FIXED INCOME THAT CAN BARELY AFFORD THE DEVICES SOLD MY MAIL, LET ALOWE THE COST OF EXAMS PLUS THE PRICES DEMANDED BY THE HIGHLY ADVERTISED PROVIDERS. AND WOULD PROBABLY GO 3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment? (VC) EVEN HIGHER ONCE MAIL ORDER COMPETITION WAS PUT

SO, LETS NOT FORGET THAT COMPETITION CREATES BETTER PRODUCTS AT BETTER PRICES FOR EVERYONE. DON'T PROP UP THE GREEDY BY MORE REGULATIONS.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

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